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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/081,615	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SATO, KAZUHIRO	
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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 41 and 42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Newly submitted claims 41-42 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claims 41-42 are directed to remotely send commands to a recorder for recording a scheduled program.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 41-42 withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/28/2008 has been entered.

### ***Response to Amendment***

3. This action is responsive to an Amendment filed 3/28/2008. Claims 25-40 are pending. Claims 25, 30, 35, 36 are amended. Newly added claims 41-42 are withdrawn.

***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 25-40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 25, 27-30, and 32-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Henmi et al. (US 5,552,833).

As to claim 25, Henmi discloses a reception device for controlling a recording module, comprising:

receiving means (e.g., reception means A; Fig. 9 and 16) for receiving a particular format file transmitted through a network (e.g., television-program table information is transmitted using teletext formats in a coding transmission system);

said particular format file including text based control commands (e.g., program start and program terminate information) that determine behaviors of said recording

module (e.g., based on program start and program terminate information received, start instruction means 23 and termination instruction means 24 sends command to start/stop recoding program) (see col. 3, lines 30-47; col. 4, lines 1-14, 45-60; col. 6, line 4 through col. 7, line 11; col. 7, line 35-col. 8, line 45; col. 11, line 54 – col. 12, line 12);

extracting means (e.g., signal extracting section 1; Fig. 9 and 16) for extracting at least one of said text based control commands from the received particular format file (co. 6, lines 6-12; col. 11, lines 54-62);

control means (e.g., comparator means 22 ; Fig. 9) for controlling said recording module based on the extracted text based control commands,

wherein the control means converts the text based control commands to codes based on pre-registered product information of the recording module (e.g., comparator means 22 directing start instruction means 23 and termination instruction means 24 send compatible commands to recording apparatus 25 to start/stop recording operation) (see col. 6, line 62 – col. 7, line 10; col. 13, line 55-col. 14, line 15),

wherein said control means uses a timer reservation function to reserve an operation time of said recording module (see col. 6, line 62 – col. 7, line 10).

As to claims 30 and 35-36, they contain the limitations of claim 25 and are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claim 25 above.

As to claims 27 and 32, Henmi discloses that said operation time of said recording module is stored in a memory (e.g., means 5; Fig. 9 and 16) (see col. 6, line 4 through col. 7, line 11; col. 12, lines 1-8).

As to claims 28 and 33, Henmi discloses that said recording module is a video recording module (see col. 4, line 49 – col. 5, line 14; col. 6, lines 52- 67).

As to claims 29 and 34, Henmi discloses that said recording module is a television program recording module (col. 4, line 49 – col. 5, line 14; col. 6, lines 52-67).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 26 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henmi (US 5,552,833) in view of Sartain (US 5,914,712).

As for claims 26 and 31, note the discussion above, Henmi fails to disclose that said network through which the data is received is the Internet.

In analogous art, Sartain disclose that said network is the Internet (see col. 7, lines 14-37).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Henmi's system to include said network being the Internet, as taught by Sartain, for the typical benefit of transferring data to anywhere in the world by taking advantage of the global network comprising millions of interconnected computers.

9. Claims 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henmi (US 5,552,833) in view of Haroun et al. (Patent # US 5787259).

As for claims 37 and 39, note the discussion above, Henmi discloses recording module and storage means (see col. 6, line 4 through col. 7, line 11).

Henmi fails to disclose recording module is registered in a storage means accessible by said reception device.

In analogous art, Haroun disclose recording module is registered in a storage means accessible by said reception device (e.g., VCR is connected to computer 15 with IEEE 1394/USB bus which will cause computer 15 assign a ID to VCR; Fig. 1) (see col. 4, lines 5-30).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Henmi's system to include device registration as taught by Haroun, for the typical benefit of ease of use, improved functionality, and reduced costs resulting from the elimination of the interface components of the consumer electronics devices (see col. 1, lines 25-29).

As to claims 38 and 40, Haroun discloses the registration information is retrieved each time said text control commands are received by said receiving means (e.g., every command string includes device's name) (see col. 8, lines 39-55).

### ***Conclusion***

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Nishigaki et al. (US Patent # 5900912) is cited to teach by detecting start time data from video signal to start recoding video.

### ***Inquiries***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jun Fei Zhong whose telephone number is 571-270-1708. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 7:30-5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on 571-272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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